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I am writing in response to the following email.
Please consider other options before destroying the horseshoe and casino reef area, it is the only good area left. Destroying an ecosystem in order to add sand to a beach is absurd, you need to understand the consequences of disturbing the reef ecosystem and the domino effect it will cause in other ecosystems. This is a case where you need to spend more money to come up with a better alternative. All you need to do is look at the past when the count said it would have only a small effect and it ended up destroying reef systems.
Roy White

Hello Divers of Palm Beach

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> It turns out that the Army corps of Engineers is taking public input for
a
> beach renourishment project that could severely damage one of Palm Beach
> most spectacular reefs. The reefs of concern are Horseshoe and Casino
reef
> truly some of the best sixty foot reefs Palm Beach has to offer. The so
> called barrow area(the area that they take the sand from and don't give
> back)is only 400 feet from the inside ledge or west side of the
reef.....
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> As you know the sand on the southeast coast of Florida travels from
north to
> south and the build up of sand on the north side of the inlets is a
common
> problem. The real problem stated when the pump from the sand transfer
> station at the end of the north jetty of the Palm Beach inlet needed
> maintenance and the Port of Palm Beach and the city of Palm Beach could
not
> come to an agreement of who was going to foot the bill, so it sat for
six
> years and the sand was moved off shore with expensive dredging. Now the
sand
> did not move down the beach as normal for six years and because of poor
> planning on the city of Palm Beach part now they want an emergency
dredging
> that will cause harm to some of the areas best diving.....
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> There are other ways and better sand in different borrow areas.....Palm

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